

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 2 and 4-6 are allowed. New claims 9 and 10 correspond to the subject matter of allowed claims 2 and 4, although with respect to method claims. Therefore, allowance of claims 9 and 10 is deemed to be warranted.

Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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